GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Gas Connection in Odisha
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of LPG connection in Odisha and total consumption of LPG in Odisha during the last three years and the current year; and
(b) whether there is shortage of LPG in Odisha particularly in far flung rural/ backward area and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to remove the shortage of LPG and provide more LPG connection to the people of Odisha?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) As on 01.07.2016, there are 33,24,836 active LPG domestic consumers of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs) in the State of Odisha. Details of number of new LPG connections released and LPG sold during the last three years and current year (April-June 2016) by OMCs in Odisha are as under :-

Total New connections by OMCs in Odisha

Year	(in lacs)
2013-14	3.42
2014-15	4.75
2015-16	8.05
Apr-Jun"16	0.77

Total LPG sale by OMCs in Odisha

Year	(in TMT)
2013-14	242
2014-15	325
2015-16	405
Apr-Jun"16	105

(b) OMCs have reported that there is no shortage of LPG in Odisha and they endeavour to fully meet the demand of LPG consumers registered with their LPG distributors in Odisha including far flung rural/backward areas. However, delay in refill supplies may occur in the event of backlog due to non-availability of filled LPG cylinders with the distributors for unavoidable reasons, road breaches, floods, strikes, incidents of bandhs, shortage of bulk LPG, non-availability of trucks, etc. and in such situations, bottling plants work on extended hours as well as on holidays to clear the backlog.
Further, the Government has launched "Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana" for providing LPG connections to 5 crore women belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families with Government assistance over a period of 3 years starting from FY 2016-17 across the country including State of Odisha. As on 03.08.2016, total 73,613 LPG connections have issued under this Scheme in the State of Odisha.